Additional Grants to Naxal Affected States

*104. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to float a plan providing additional grants to naxal hit States for road construction to contain insurgecy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the existing present grant allocated to backward districts affected by Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) The Backward District Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) also covers 55 naxal affected districts in 9 States. This scheme provides an additionality of Rs. 15 crores as special Central assistance on 100% grant basis per year per district for a period of 3 years so as to fill in critical gaps in social and physical infrastructure in these districts including for construction of roads. Road construction in naxal affected areas can also be taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). However, there is no specific plan/proposal to provide funds to naxal affected States for road construction to deal with naxalism.

SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government intends to make a unified command for all the States and the Centre to fight this menace jointly. What are the rehabilitation plans made for surrendered naxalites?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, we have taken steps in consultation with the State Governments. Whatever the State Governments are suggesting and whatever can be accepted by the Union Government, we have accepted. We have not waited for the State Governments to make suggestions; we have ourselves given them help in many, many cases. What we are doing is this. We are giving them paramilitary forces to deal with naxalite activities in the States. Up to this time, we were charging some money for the paramilitary forces supplied to them. We have taken a decision recently not to charge a single pie from the State Governments for this purpose. We are giving some funds to the State Governments to see that the areas,

which are not developed, and areas, which are infested with naxalite activities, are developed. We call it the Backward Area Development Fund, and this fund is used to create infrastructure and to help the people to get employment and many other things. We are giving funds to the State Governments to meet the expenditure they incur in dealing with naxalite activities. Now, we are asking them to increase the number of persons and officers in their forces to deal with these kind of things and other law and order cases also. We are giving them funds to modernise their transport and communication facilities. The amount of money, which is given, is enormous. Sometimes the money, which is given, is not spent. I am not blaming anybody, maybe they have some other difficulties also, but we are helping in this fashion. So, we are jointly trying to deal with this situation. But as the constitutional and the legal provisions prevail, we shall have to understand that this has to be done through the State Governments and we are trying to do all that is necessary and possible for this.

श्री उपसभापति: सैकंड सप्लीमेंटरी। आप सैकंड सप्लीमेंटरी पूछना चाहेंगी।

श्रीमती हेमा मालिनी: नहीं।

श्री उपसभापति: श्री दत्ता मेघे।

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सर, यह जो 9 राज्यों में 55 नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्र हैं... (**व्यवधान**) मेरा नाम है।

श्री उपसभापति: नेक्स्ट क्वैश्चन नहीं है। यह सप्लीमेंटरी क्वैश्चन है।

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सर, 9 राज्यों में 55 नक्सलाइट प्रभावित क्षेत्र हैं और इसमें 10 करोड़ रुपए जिले में दे सकते हैं। हमारे महाराष्ट्र के अन्दर खास तौर पर गढ़ चिरौली, चन्द्रपुर और गोंडिया, ये जो पूरा नक्सलाइट एरिया है, आज पुलिस लोगों की हत्या वे लोग कर रहे हैं। इनका प्रभाव क्षेत्र बढ़ रहा है। इसलिए हेमा जी ने जो बात कही है कि ज्यादा निधि की जरूरत है, राज्य सरकार कर रही है, लेकिन उनका प्रभाव भी बढ़ रहा है और वहां के जो लोग हैं, उनके लिए अनेक स्कीमें हैं, क्या उसके लिए केन्द्र सरकार ज्यादा पैसा देगी? खास तौर पर गढ़ चिरौली, भंडारा और चन्द्रपुर—वहां वे लोग पुलिस लोगों को मार रहे हैं। अभी 15 दिन पहले 20-25 लोगों की हत्या हुई। ऐसे जो क्षेत्र हैं, उसमें केन्द्र सरकार को सहायता प्रदान करनी होगी।

श्री शिवराज वी॰ पाटिल: श्रीमन्, पहले ही हम गढ़ चिरौली, चन्द्रपुर, भंडारा और गोंडिया, इन जिलों को पैसा दे रहे हैं और हर साल 15 करोड़ रुपए दे रहे हैं। यह पैसा 3 साल तक देना है और इसके बाद भी अगर चाहिए तो वह देना है और यह जो 15 करोड़ रुपए दिए जा रहे हैं, वह ऑर्डिनरी डेवलपमेंट के लिए डिस्ट्रिक्ट में जो पैसे दिए जाते हैं, उसके सिवाय हैं, इसमें उसका समावेश नहीं है। अगर इसके बाद भी उनको वहां पर कुछ डेवलपमेंट करना है तो प्लानिंग कमीशन को बताया गया है कि नक्सलाइट अफेक्टेड एरियाज़ के अन्दर इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर बनाने के लिए, सड़कें बनाने के लिए,

स्कूल बनाने के लिए, हॉस्पिटल बनाने के लिए अगर ज्यादा पैसा देना है, तो उसको देना है। प्लानिंग कमीशन के डिप्टी चेयरपर्सन को गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से बताया गया है कि जब-जब गवर्नमेंट आपके पास आएगी और इस काम के लिए पैसा मांगेगी, उसको ध्यान में रख कर आप उस काम के लिए ज्यादा पैसा दें, इसके लिए कहा गया है। इन एरियाज़ के अन्दर जो फूड फार वर्क प्रोग्राम है, वह इन एरियाज़ में ही चालू करने का विचार है। इम्प्लायमेंट गारंटी स्कीम ऐसे एरियाज़ में ही चालू करनी है। जितनी भी सरकार की स्कीमें हैं, जितने भी प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं, वे सारे ऐसे एरियाज़ में हैं, जहाँ पर इसकी ज्यादा जरुरत है। नक्सलाइट एक्टिविटिज इकोनामिक डिफिकल्टी की वजह से हो रही है। उसे कम करने के लिए यह करना है और इसे भी ध्यान में रखा जाएगा। इसके सिवाय भी अगर करना है, आप बताइए, हम ध्यान में रखेंगे।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Ramachandraiah.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, this backwardness of the area has got direct link with the incidents of violence in the State, not only in Andhra Pradesh, but in other parts of the backward areas. Recently, in the Budget, the Finance Minister has announced that whatever the scheme that has been in vogue now from which funds are being given to the backward areas, *Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yonaja*, It is going to be lapsed in 2006-07 and a new fund has to be created. But for 170 districts, you are providing Rs. 5,000 crores. It amounts to Rs. 30 crores per district. And the Home Ministry is telling the House that enormous funds are being pumped. Such is the case. Since implementation of these schemes in backward areas, can the Government say that the poverty has gone down? Sir, that is not the case. That is why, I want to say that before these tentacles ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please put the question ...*(Interruptions)*... If you want the answer, please put the question.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Yes, Sir, before these tentacles spread out to the entire country, the Government should consider very seriously and this is purely an economic issue which ultimately turns out to be a law and order problem. So, the Government should have a special package and try to develop these areas in the interest of the country. That is my own suggestion; I don't expect any answer from the Minister.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I accept the proposal that he has given.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Pyarelal Khandelwal.

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल: माननीय उपसभापति जी, मैं, माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्र हैं, उसमें सरकार पैसा देती है, ठेकेदार काम करते हैं, सरकार के इंजीनियर काम करते हैं, लेकिन नक्सली लोग वहां से ठेकेदारों से, इंजीनियरों से आतंक के द्वारा डरा-

धमका कर पैसा छीन लेते हैं, कमीशन ले लेते है, इतना ही नहीं बिहार में उनकी हत्या कर देते हैं।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Out of Turn Promotion to police officers of Tamil Nadu

*105. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was received from Government of Tamil Nadu suggesting out of turn promotion for certain police officers for their unprecedented outstanding courage and planned action in eliminating the dreaded forest brigand Veerappan who was threatening the three States for more than three decades;

(b) if so, the action taken on this; and

(c) what is the stage of another proposal for conferring the Padma Shree award and Ashoka Chakra on a few police officers involved in the killing and encounter of the said Veerappan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of the State Government was considered but it could not be agreed to as the applicable rules governing promotion of IPS officers do not provide for accelerated promotions.

(c) The proposal for conferment of Padma Shree Award to one of the police officers involved in the killing of Veerappan was returned to the State Government as it was received after the cut off date fixed for receipt of such recommendations. The proposal received for the award of Ashok Chakra to another officer from Tamil Nadu who also participated in the operation against Veerappan was considered but the officer was not found suitable for being recommended for this Award.

Defence Procurement from Russia

†*106 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to procure defence equipments and sophisticated weapons from Russia; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.